



**U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES**  
**COMMAND (AIRBORNE)**  
***FAMILY STATEMENT***

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**STAFF SGT. MATTHEW A. KIMMELL**  
**Killed in action on Oct. 11, 2005**  
**Operation Iraqi Freedom**

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Dear friends, family, members of the military –

Thank you for your steadfast support and heartfelt sympathy during our time of grief. The Kimmell family sincerely appreciates your condolences, prayers and offers of assistance as we mourn the loss of Matthew. For those of you who knew Matthew, you knew he was fully committed to both his family and his career.

Matthew was a loving husband and a caring son. He was also a Soldier who unwaveringly placed our country before himself; Matthew was honored to serve with his fellow Soldiers, proud to serve in the United States Army, and grateful to be an American.

We thank everyone who has offered their condolences during this difficult time and appreciate your continued prayers and support. God Bless those who protect our country and our way of life.

The Kimmell family will not be granting any media interviews at the funeral ceremony and asks for the respect of their privacy in this time of sorrow.

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